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Construction of a dam in Vyppar near Mathulapuram.

* 48 Q.—SRI R. S. K. PANDIAN (on behalf of Sri K. T. Kosalram): Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representation regarding constructing a dam in Vyppar near Mathulapuram, Koilpatti taluk; and

(b) if so, what action the Government have taken over it?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) A report has been called for from the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) in the matter and he has arranged for the gaugings of the flows in the river for the purpose."

SRI T. GANAPATHI :—" May I know whether the Executive Engineer for Food Production has stated that the Vyppar dam is feasible and that it will be very useful to supply water for 17 tanks? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" I have no information. I have already told the hon. Member that the Government are awaiting the report of the Chief Engineer (Irrigation)."

Tank Repairs Scheme.

* 49 Q.—SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have issued orders stopping the Tank Repairs Scheme in the State; and

(b) if so, the reason for the same?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) The Government have issued orders that Tank Improvement Works which have been taken up already for execution may be concentrated upon and that no new work need be taken up during the current year under the Tank Improvement Scheme.

" (b) The Government of India have recently laid down that only schemes fetching a return of not less than 2½ per cent will qualify for a subsidy from them. The Tank Improvement Scheme works will not satisfy the above condition. In view of the ways and means position of the State, new Tank Improvement Works are not to be taken up during the current year in addition to works which are under execution."

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" May I know whether the Hon. Minister is aware that the previous Government have given an assurance that the tanks in the zamindari estates taken over by the Government will be repaired and will the present Government fulfil the promise and assurance given by the previous Government? " 8-45 a.m.